

**Listing of Claims (marked-up version):**

Claims 1-10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (new): An in vitro Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection inhibiting compound comprising 24-epibrassinolide, a plant hormone, belonging to brassinosteroid series.

Claim 12 (new): The compound of claim 1 is used as an active ingredient of pharmaceutical compositions with further comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 13 (new): A pharmaceutical composition of claim 2 comprising a therapeutically effective amount of 24-epibrassinolide.